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### **Annual Wangenheim Room Lecture and Exhibit to Feature Photographs of Edward Curtis and Lecture by Dr. Ross H. Frank**

**SAN DIEGO** – The sixth annual Wangenheim Room Lecture and Exhibit at the Central Library will be held Sunday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will be “The Photographs of Edward Curtis in Three Acts: Visual Representation, Empire and the Post-Colonial” and the speaker will be Dr. Ross H. Frank, associate professor of ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego. The event will feature catered appetizers and live music, and is sponsored by the Friends of Central Library.

Edward S. Curtis (1868-1952) is one of the most well-recognized and celebrated photographers of Native American people. Beginning in the early 1900s, Curtis embarked on a 30-year mission to form a comprehensive and permanent record of Native Americans, and eventually took more than 40,000 photographs.

The Central Library exhibit will feature examples from the Curtis masterwork, “The North American Indian.” The exhibit will be open to the public from Sept. 18, 2006, through Jan. 31, 2007.

Dr. Frank received B.A. degrees in history from both Yale College and Merton College. In 1992 he received a Ph.D in history from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Frank began teaching in 1991 as an assistant professor of history at the American University in Washington, D.C. He began his appointment at UCSD in 1992 as an assistant professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies. Dr. Frank’s areas of research focus on Spanish villages and Indian pueblos in the Southwest and Great Plains. He is the author of “From Settler to Citizen: New Mexican Economic Development and the Creation of Vecino Society, 1750–1820.”

The Wangenheim Room, which holds collections of rare books and other valuable items, is on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The room is open to the public from Monday through Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$25 and the proceeds will benefit the Wangenheim Room collections. For more information about the event, please call Vera Miller, event chair, at 619-291-8800; or Rick Crawford or Heidi Wigler at 619-236-5807. Free parking will be available at the Five Star Parking lot at Eighth Avenue and Broadway. Also, street parking will be available free all day.

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